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Your statement is included in the public record and will be taken into account by decision-makers when they consider the proposed Project.

**Kusano, Ken LT**  
**From:** Charlie McLaughlin [cmclaughlin@aspenhelo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 19, 2004 3:50 PM  
**To:** Kusano, Ken LT; ogginsc@slc.ca.gov  
**Cc:** Steve Meheem; Kathi Hann; andres.herrera@ci.oxnard.ca.us; deancity@yahoo.com; john.zaragoza@verizon.net  
**Subject:** Letters in Support of Cabrillo Port Draft EIR/EIS  
**Attachments:** Draft EIR\_EIS Letters in Support of Cabrillo Port.pdf

Mr. Oggins and Lt. Kusano,  
 In the past few days I have been able to generate 32 signed letters in support of the Cabrillo Deep Water Port.

From the draft we can see that this project will not challenge SOAR, infringe on our open space, cause overcrowding in our schools, add an extra burden to our taxed infrastructure, deplete our fisheries, or kill 180,000 citizens in our city with a fire ball traveling 23 miles low level across the ocean. On the contrary it will protect our agricultural land, save our open space, increase our economic base without any physical alteration of our city, add tax revenue to our infrastructure so we can improve our schools and heat our homes at a reasonable price. At the same time it will put Oxnard at the beginning of the line instead at the end of the pipe when we have our next energy crisis.

See attached .pdf file. All of these individuals either work or are associated with the Oxnard Airport.  
 If you need hard copies of these letters please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below.



Draft EIR\_EIS  
 Letters in Suppo...

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December 16, 2004

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to voice my support for the Cabrillo Deepwater LNG Port off the coast of Oxnard.

California, and the US as a whole, will always need a variety of energy sources to power our economy and our lives. The Cabrillo Port project is one way of helping to ensure that steady supply of resources, and natural gas is a clean and environmentally friendly fuel to boot.

After hearing and reading about the project, I believe that the developers have taken all the necessary steps to minimize the impacts while maximizing the benefits. Please approve this project.

Sincerely,



December 15, 2004

U.S. Coast Guard  
2100 Second Street, SE.  
Washington, DC 20593-0001

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Sincerely,

  
WILLIAM D. BURGER

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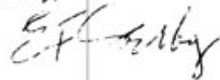
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5540 W. 5th St / 31.  
Omar 93030

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*John J. O'Connell*



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Sincerely,

David M. Hurd  
410 2nd St NW  
Cape Hurd, VA 22411

December 14, 2004

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To whom it may concern,

I have read with great interest about the Cabrillo Port project. The project proponents, BHPB, have really come up with a creative plan to supply California with much needed natural gas supplies while taking into consideration the high value we place on our coastline.

The project seems to have mitigated any port traffic issue and potential negative effects on marine sanctuaries. I really like the fact the facility is way offshore with limited impacts on our famous California shoreline.

This is indeed a disserving project. BHPB should be allowed to go forward.

Sincerely,

Narda G. Allen  
840 BOYCE DRIVE  
FORT HODGENS, CA 93041

December 14, 2004

Cy Oggins  
California State Lands Commission  
100 Howe Ave.  
Suite 100-South  
Sacramento, CA 95825-8202

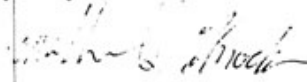
Dear Sir,

I understand that you are in the process of gathering public input about the proposed Cabrillo LNG Deepwater Port. I would like to add my name as one who supports this project.

My biggest concern has been with the visual impacts of the "floating port," as I didn't want to see more offshore drilling rig-type structures polluting our views of the vast Pacific Ocean. Having considered that the LNG Port will be 14 miles offshore, and will be akin to an anchored tanker, I believe that the visual impacts will, in fact, be minimal.

I am also convinced that the huge number of restrictions, regulations and overseeing agencies on this project will effectively manage the safety and other environmental concerns.

Thank you for your time.

  
JONATHAN G. THROCKMORTON  
1423 LORENA  
CHANDLER, CA  
93030

December 14, 2004

Cy Oggins  
California State Lands Commission  
100 Howe Ave.  
Suite 100-South  
Sacramento, CA 95825-8202

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to commend the BHP company on their responsiveness to community concerns about their proposed deepwater LNG port facility. The most critical part, in my mind, is where the pipelines come ashore and are connected to existing pipelines.

When BHP officials proposed laying pipeline through the City of Oxnard—which has the largest minority population in Ventura County—residents suggested they find another route. BHP listened and moved the proposed pipeline as far away from residential neighborhoods, rich or poor, as possible. In the one case where their pipeline comes near homes, they are going to great lengths to prevent and prepare for pipeline accidents along the new route.

I am confident that if the company is willing to go to these lengths for the most important part of the project, they can be and should be trusted with the whole thing. Please approve this application.

Sincerely,



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Cy Oggins  
California State Lands Commission

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Dear Sirs:

I am a boater and have spent a lot of time in the area where the new Cabrillo LNG floating port facility is being proposed. Some folks say that this new facility will get in the way of recreational and commercial boating, and ruin the area. I disagree.

First, this project will be outside the commercial shipping lanes and will be clearly marked and monitored on commercial maps. Second, the company has committed to locate and design Cabrillo Port to maximize safety for recreational boat users. And third, the Pacific Ocean is a big place! One more ship on the ocean is not going to really make much difference in the grand scheme of things.

This is a good project that supports the local economy, answers a current energy need, and has minimal impact on anybody. I believe this project should be approved and I urge you to do so.

Regards,

 HORACE JAMES  
1845 Cochman dr.  
~~Santa~~ Camarillo CA. 93012

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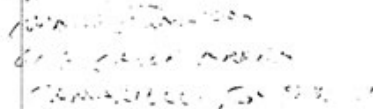
To Messrs. Oggins and Kusano:

After reading much of the EIR on the Cabrillo Port LNG Deepwater Port, and keeping up with the project in the papers and on the web, everybody seems to be particularly concerned about the safety. This is as it should be.

It also seems to me, however, that the public safety issue has been squarely put to rest. The EIR said that the researchers couldn't come up with a credible scenario that would lead to the simultaneous release of all the gas -- which they evaluated as the worst-case scenario -- and they said there was one in a million chance that anybody could be harmed, even if that worst-case scenario actually happened. Also, the project is 14 miles out to the sea, and I have yet to hear of any credible study that says the impact will reach to shore. So it seems to me that this project is as safe as it gets, and if that isn't good enough, then we just shouldn't be using natural gas in California because we can't store it, we can't transport it and we can't import it any safer than this.

Please keep this project moving ahead.

Sincerely,



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Cy Oggins  
California State Lands Commission  
100 Howe Ave.  
Suite 100-South  
Sacramento, CA 95825-8202

To Whom It May Concern:

Electricity is the cornerstone of our economy and our way of life and ensuring that we have reliable and affordable ways of generating electricity is the key to protecting what we have.

Natural gas is a clean fuel, relatively abundant, and economical. That's why we need to keep using it to generate electricity, and that's why we need the Cabrillo Port LNG project. Cabrillo Port will help make it easier to get the gas to where it needs to be, supporting our economy and our livelihoods. It's being designed to have minimal impacts, and to be a very safe facility. I wish we could get all the electricity we need from things like solar and wind power, but let's face it - we can't.

The Cabrillo Port LNG port is a smart move for California, and I fully support it. I hope that you will, too.

Regards,



Michelle F. McLaughlin  
2230 Greencastle Lane  
Oxnard CA 93035

December 14, 2004

Cy Oggins  
California State Lands Commission  
100 Howe Ave.  
Suite 100-South  
Sacramento, CA 95825-8202

Dear Mr. Oggins and Lt. Kusano:

I am glad to see that both the Coast Guard and the State Lands Commission are taking a good, hard look at the Cabrillo Port LNG facility. I'm glad because I'm certain that this project will stand up to your close scrutiny, and will come out as a good and valuable project.

I believe that BHP Billiton has addressed all the major issues – visual quality is protected by locating the facility 14 miles offshore and by the smart use of colors and design; safety issues are met by keeping it out of shipping lanes and by designing this as a floating dock that rides the waves; marine and terrestrial biology is protected by operational changes and by minimizing the pipelines' impacts; and community concerns have been responded to by relocating onshore pipeline locations.

In sum, all aspects of the project have been designed to make this a good, safe and beneficial development. I respectfully request that you approve the Cabrillo Port Deepwater facility.

Thank you.

*J. L. Alding*  
308 CENTRAL AVE.  
SEASIDE, CA 90740



December 14, 2004

Cy Oggins  
California State Lands Commission  
100 Howe Ave.  
Suite 100-South  
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I support the Cabrillo Port Deepwater LNG Port.

There are numerous reasons why I have this position, but I want to focus on just one right now – the local economy. California's economy needs natural gas, and Cabrillo Port is a smart, responsive way to bring it here. The project construction will create jobs locally while benefiting all of California and it will continue to create jobs as it goes into production.

Conservatively, the local economy will get a \$20 million a year boost. The State government will get \$3 million in new tax revenues—without having to raise taxes on anyone!—and local governments will get a half-million a year as a result of Cabrillo Port. That will go a long way in hiring more police, or teachers or firefighters.

The Cabrillo Port project is good for our state, our cities and our people. Please approve this project as quickly as possible.

Regards,

*Ken B. Berger*  
Ken B. Berger  
650 California Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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California State Lands Commission  
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Regards,

Jerry W. Miller



P.O. Box 4023

Bakersfield, CA 93384

December 14, 2004

Cy Oggins  
California State Lands Commission  
100 Howe Ave.  
Suite 100-South  
Sacramento, CA 95825-8202

Dear CSLC:

This is my first time making a public comment. I am doing so because I am worried about the future of California. We have had some tough times lately and I hope that they are improving. It was very hard for us to go through the energy blackouts here recently and we need to make sure that something like that does not happen again.

I have been reading about a project off Ventura County that would allow us to import natural gas from overseas. I just wanted to let you know that I support California doing that. Natural gas and electricity prices are high enough and there is no shortage of people who want to move into our state.

Let's be smart and stand up for our future.

Sincerely,



Diana Fadda  
100 Howe Ave  
Sacramento CA 95825

*December 14, 2004*

*Lieutenant Ken Kusano (G-MSO-5)  
U.S. Coast Guard  
2100 Second Street, SE.  
Washington, DC 20593-0001*

*Dear Ken:*

*It is about time that we make some serious decisions about how we are going to supply the energy to a state, which is the 6<sup>th</sup> largest economy in the world, needs.*

*There is a proposed project called the Cabrillo Port LNG that makes perfect sense to me. We can import natural gas that comes from the ground free in many countries and bring it to the US for our use. It seems that we would be foolish to say no to the potential of importing a fuel source we would need to spend millions of dollars to produce in our own country.*

*I am writing this letter to support the Cabrillo Port LNG project.*

*Sincerely,*

*[Handwritten signature]*  
*1000 1st Street, NE*  
*Washington, DC 20002*

December 14, 2004

Lieutenant Ken Kusano (G-MSO-5)  
U.S. Coast Guard  
2100 Second Street, SE.  
Washington, DC 20593-0001

Dear Federal Service Agency:

I consider myself very fortunate to live in Southern California. We have the best of all worlds with sun, nature and a newly booming economy.

In order for us to continue to enjoy the good life here in California we need to be mindful of our energy situation. In order to continue to grow, as we should we will need to secure new forms of energy. One way to do this is to import natural gas.

That is why I was very interested in the Cabrillo Port project. It seems that importing natural gas in liquid form and connecting it to already existing pipelines underground make good sense. I can see of no better way to supplement our energy needs than by importing natural gas. It is clean burning, comes from overseas, and will allow us to not drill any more wells here.

Thanks for receiving this comment.

Sincerely,



7111 E. 17th St. #104  
Santa Fe, NM 87506

December 14, 2004

Lieutenant Ken Kusano (G-MSO-5)  
U.S. Coast Guard  
2100 Second Street, SE.  
Washington, DC 20593-0001

Dear Lieutenant:

I am writing to support the Cabrillo Port LNG project.

It is quite simple. We need reliable sources of energy in this state and natural gas is the best alternative. We should not push away a common sense plan to locate a facility well offshore that will allow us to import the natural gas we need. I have seen the other alternatives over the years, such as offloading facilities onshore, and just believe that this is the best deal we can get.

Please approve the Cabrillo Port project.

Thanks,

Alfred M. Brown  
1-10-04

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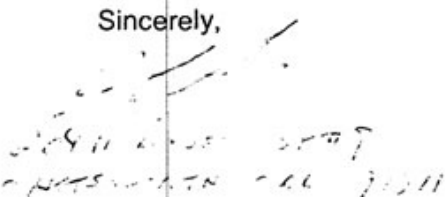
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We need to have more energy for Californians to use. We must not go through another blackout situation as we have in the past. Something must be done to ensure that we have reliable and affordable electricity. As is well known most new power plants burn natural gas because it is a clean burning fuel. It only makes sense in the long run to allow more natural gas to be imported in California to help us with electricity production.

The Cabrillo Port project allows us to import natural gas and has the added benefit of being located so far out to sea that there is no visual impact. Sounds like a great idea whose time has come.

Sincerely,



Ken Kusano  
G-MSO-5

December 14, 2004

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U.S. Coast Guard  
2100 Second Street, SE.  
Washington, DC 20593-0001

Dear Coast Guard,


*If I have heard it once, I have heard it a hundred times.*

*"We must protect the environment by not drilling on our public lands."*

*I agree and that is why I feel that importing natural gas is a good idea. I know there are issues when it comes to offloading facilities, pipelines, and so forth but these can be overcome, and it seems that the Cabrillo Port project does that. It is far offshore, not a permanent structure, and the pipeline it will connect to is already in existence underground.*

*I am not an engineer but I think that this is a good deal for the State of California.*

Thanks,



716 N VENTURA RD #110  
CANAHO CA 93030



December 14, 2004

Lieutenant Ken Kusano (G-MSO-5)  
U.S. Coast Guard  
2100 Second Street, SE.  
Washington, DC 20593-0001

RE: LNG Facility, Oxnard

*My neighbors and myself have been talking about the proposed LNG facility here in Southern California. After talking about the technologies involved in shipping natural gas, we all agreed that it make sense to look into importing natural gas instead of drilling for it ourselves. Natural gas is a clean fuel, which I feel is important, and it can help us supply energy without the pollutants of oil and coal. I was a bit concerned about the facility that would actually deliver the gas to us. Was it going to be onshore with storage tanks that would obscure the beach? I looked into it further and realized that the gas would be loaded off the ships 18 miles offshore. That, I feel, is wonderful for us in Southern California.*

*This is why I have written to support the Cabrillo Port project.*

*Thanks for your time.*

*Michaela  
1019 E. Cabrillo #216  
Cabrillo CA 92008*

December 14, 2004

Lieutenant Ken Kusano (G-MSO-5)  
U.S. Coast Guard  
2100 Second Street, SE.  
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I would like to add my support for the Cabrillo Port project.

This is a very worthwhile project which addresses our energy needs and creatively addresses the needs of California's environment. I think the right balance has been found. I do not think we will have many chances to have a LNG facility 14 miles offshore verse one being placed directly on our coastline.

The project proponents have gone above and beyond the call of duty to mitigate local concerns. I encourage State and Federal regulators to approve this project.

Thank you,

*Robert Hallinan*  
*1236 Lark St*  
*St. Marys, Calif*  
*93041*

December 14, 2004

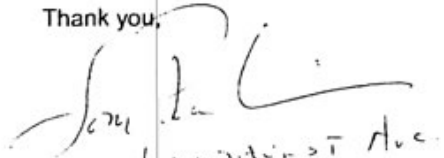
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2216 Lyndhurst Ave.  
Camarillo, CA 93616

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Washington, DC 20593-0001*

*I want to comment on the Cabrillo Port project.*

*It is sometimes very difficult to match national needs and local needs around the issue of energy development. I feel the Cabrillo Port might be one of those time where project proponents have found the right balance to address everyone's needs.*

*This project is very innovative in placing the facility 14 miles out at shore, avoiding bring many ships into the port and not obstructing our precious view of the Pacific Ocean. The placement will also minimize affects on marine life close to shore. These are important values to me.*

*I feel this project is worthy of going forward.*

*Sincerely,*

December 14, 2004

Lieutenant Ken Kusano (G-MSO-5)  
U.S. Coast Guard  
2100 Second Street, SE.  
Washington, DC 20593-0001

Dear Sir,

I just want to drop a quick note stating my support for the Cabrillo Port. This is a great compromise in meeting our energy needs and protecting our local values.

I hope you will allow this much needed project to go forward.

Sincerely,

*Gregory J. Anderson*  
*1040 Hike Dr*  
*Camden, SA 92035*

December 14, 2004

Lieutenant Ken Kusano (G-MSO-5)  
U.S. Coast Guard  
2100 Second Street, SE.  
Washington, DC 20593-0001

Dear U.S. Coast Guard,

I would like to register my support for the Cabrillo Port and let me briefly explain why.

First, the temporary structure is 14 miles offshore which greatly reduces any visual issues along the California coastline. This is very important to me and many other Californians.

Secondly, our nation is in dire need for more clean burning natural gas. I realize we need to move away from fossil fuels, but we as a nation are not able to rely solely on wind and solar energy. This LNG facility will provide power plants with clean burning natural gas and remove our dependence on coal fired power plants.

Lastly, natural gas has been described as the possible transition fuel to the hydrogen era of energy dependence. We need more viable supplies of natural gas to promote this transition.

I hope the Cabrillo Port will be allowed to go forward. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

*RL Throckmorton*  
2800 West 5th St  
Oxnard CA 93033-6703  
RL Throckmorton

*December 14, 2004*

*Lieutenant Ken Kusano (G-MSO-5)  
U.S. Coast Guard  
2100 Second Street, SE.  
Washington, DC 20593-0001*


*To Whom It May Concern:*

*I am a Ventura County resident and I would like to add my support of the Cabrillo Port project to the public record.*

*I believe this project will add to our much need supplies of natural gas and I am impressed with the ability and creativity to place a structure 14 miles out at sea. This limits the port traffic issues and stops any visual impairment of the California coastline.*

*This seems to be an appropriate project proposed at a perfect timer.*

*Sincerely,*

  
KEN KUSANO  
(KUSANO, KEN)

December 14, 2004

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Sincerely,

George Bernard  
Balance Industries

*George Bernard*  
7635 MARMOUNT WAY  
SECRETA CA 93117  
818-767-0325



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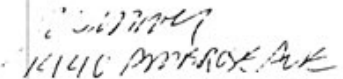
RE: Cabrillo Port LNG Facility

After studying the Cabrillo Port project as proposed by BHP, I would like to add my name to the public record as a supporter.

BHP seems to be going the extra mile in mitigating local concerns about the project. I especially like the idea of keeping the LNG tankers away from the California coastline and protecting our views and marine life.

This seems like a worthy project and I encourage local regulators to let it go forward.

Sincerely,

  
16140 MARROX AVE  
OXRARD, CA 94305

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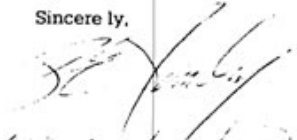
Dear Lieutenant Kusano,

I appreciate the opportunity to add my comments to the public record regarding Cabrillo Port as proposed by BHPB.

I am very protective of California's and Ventura County's coastline. I am inclined to oppose most efforts to change our beaches visually. But when I read the proposed LNG facility would be 14 miles offshore, I began to think this project just might be viable. Our nation's needs new supplies of natural gas and this project is creative and is deserving of a chance to go forward. I believe proper mitigation compromises have been found and the project should be allowed to go forward.

Congratulations on finding that right balance between our local needs and our national energy needs. Thank you for allowing me to comment.

Sincerely,

  
Steven J. Kline  
1000 1st Street, SE  
Oxnard, CA 93040  
805.464.2000